

**170.1 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Chronic wasting disease*” means the animal disease afflicting deer and elk that is a transmissible disease of the nervous system resulting in distinctive lesions in the brain and that belongs to the group of diseases that is known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE).
  2. “*Council*” means the farm deer council established pursuant to section 170.2.
  3. “*Department*” means the department of agriculture and land stewardship.
  4. *a.* “*Farm deer*” means an animal belonging to the cervidae family and classified as part of the dama species of the dama genus, commonly referred to as fallow deer; part of the elaphus species of the cervus genus, commonly referred to as red deer or elk; part of the virginianus species of the odocoileus genus, commonly referred to as whitetail; part of the hemionus species of the odocoileus genus, commonly referred to as mule deer; or part of the nippon species of the cervus genus, commonly referred to as sika.  
*b.* “*Farm deer*” does not include any unmarked free-ranging elk, whitetail, or mule deer. “*Farm deer*” also does not include preserve whitetail which are kept on a hunting preserve as provided in chapter 484C.
  5. “*Fence*” means a boundary fence which encloses farm deer within a landowner’s property as required to be constructed and maintained pursuant to section 170.4.
  6. “*Landowner*” means a person who holds an interest in land, including a titleholder or tenant.
- 2003 Acts, ch 149, §4, 23; 2005 Acts, ch 139, §1